

SUPERINTENDENT E. J. HALL'S ANNUAL REPORT SHOWS GREAT PROGRESS IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

Twenty-nine Nationalities Represented Among Students Enrolled--Only Seven Per Cent Failures--Truancy Reduced to Minimum in School District No.1

The annual report of Superintendent E. J. Hall of the Calumet public schools to the board of education, summarizes the work done during the past year and the progress made as follows:

The work has been conducted this year without friction and though our people have been through a period of strife such as we never had in this district before, yet it did not affect the attendance or change the attitude of the public toward the schools. Through the more than fair-mindedness of the board of education, no child was permitted to suffer from the lack of school books or equipment because of any stand taken by his parents, on the labor question.

The music work was conducted in a splendid manner by our supervisor, Miss Mildred Romsdahl, and the Calumet schools will suffer a distinct loss as the result of her decision to leave.

High School.

The enrollment in our high school continues to grow. It reached a total of eleven hundred nine this year showing an increase of one hundred three over the attendance last year. No additional teaching force was used but the size of classes was materially increased. Next year, in all probability we shall have twelve hundred students. We have already engaged an additional teacher, but our building is so badly crowded that it would be impossible to accommodate any further growth.

The plan of having separate and distinct courses in science for boys and girls is working splendidly. The boys are getting much more practical work and the girls are receiving a training such as we were unable to give under the old scheme.

Our commercial work is stronger than it ever has been and the results are correspondingly better.

Vocational Training.

In order to get greater returns from our plant, it was decided to double the time required of seventh and eighth grade boys in the shops. To accomplish this, we start shop work at 8:20 o'clock in the morning and continue until 4:30 in the afternoon, thus gaining much of the additional time required without infringing greatly on the time given to regular school work. The plan works well and the results are satisfactory.

To care for the girls while the boys were doing the additional work in the shops, it was voted to install a new cooking room in the Washington building. The room is equipped about the same as the room in the high school, and from this time on, every girl, before she completes the eighth grade work, will have had one hundred twenty lessons in cooking, with one hour and thirty minutes given to each lesson.

Attendance.

Our statistics show that the total enrollment this year was but 93 less than last year, which is a splendid showing when we take into consideration the condition that prevailed in this district the first five months of school.

Practically all graduates from the grammar grades entered the high school, a statement that can be made by but few school systems in the state. The average per cent of attendance was 95.3 against 95.4 last year.

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General Statistics.			
School census June 1914.....	7,352		
School census June 1913.....	7,336		
Pupils in Public schools.....	6,998		
Pupils in Parochial schools.....			
Sacred Heart.....	240		
German.....	32		
Polish.....	92	1,064	
Total attending school.....	7,162		
Total in school under 5.....	130		
Total in school over 5.....	7,032		
Number between 5 and 20 not attending school.....	804		
Teachers.....			
Women.....	3	1	4
Men.....	29	14	43
Grammar Grades.....	66	3	69
Primary Grades.....	64	0	64
Kindergartens.....	28	0	28

Number of pupils, 3,046 boys; 3,052 girls; total, 6,098.
Average monthly enrollment, 2,911.5 boys; 2,916.7 girls; total, 5,828.2.
Average daily attendance, 2,837.8 boys; 2,855.1 girls; total, 5,692.9.
Per cent of attendance, 95.3.

Promotions and Failures.

One hundred twenty-three were graduated from the high school this year, twenty-seven in February and ninety-six in June.

In February, one hundred fifty-one students completed their eighth grade work, and in June one hundred thirty, a total of two hundred eighty-one having been graduated from the grammar school. During the year four hundred seventy-seven were promoted from the fourth grade to the grammar grades and five hundred sixty-three from the kindergarten entered upon first grade work.

During the first semester of the year, there were seven per cent of failures and during the second semester, seven and sixteen hundredths per cent of failures. During the first semester, out of 4,188 pupils enrolled in the grammar grades, 3,668 were promoted, 515 demoted and 205 left unchanged; while in the last semester, out of 4,187 pupils, 3,616 were promoted, 399 demoted and 271 left unchanged.

Nationalities and Ages.

There are twenty-nine nationalities represented in the school enrollment as shown by the following figures: English, 1,266; Finnish, 1,109; Italian, 618; Austrian, 477; Swedish, 478; Scotch, 371; German, 325; Norwegian, 301; Croatian, 244; French, 191; American, 138; Irish, 129; Poles, 107; Canadian, 97; Slovenian, 75; Hebrew, 53; Danish, 15; Syrians, 9; Russians, 6; Bohemian, 4; Greeks, 4; Dutch, 4; Welsh and Hungarians, 3 each; Swiss and Roumanian, 2 each; Spanish, Lithuanian and Belgians, 1 each.

By ages, there are 130, 4 years of age; 359, 5 years; 552, 6 years; 501, 7 years; 486, 8 years; 496, 9 years; 491, 10 years; 484, 11 years; 468, 12 years; 454, 13 years; 434, 14 years; 453, 15 years; 297, 16 years; 211, 17 years; 151, 18 years; 64, 19 years and 35, 20 years and 20 plus.

Physical Training.

A total of 859 girl students participated in the physical training classes, 146 from the high school and 713 from the grammar grades. In the graded schools, this participation in the exercises three weeks are as follows: Washington school, 323; Jefferson school, 74; Hawthorne school, 62; John Dunbar school, 75; Charles Briggs, 179.

The enrollment from out of town districts and the tuition paid by the respective school boards for these pupils, is as follows:

Oswego and Tamarack.....	93	\$4,684.00
Centennial.....	74	3,772.50
etc.....	40	1,779.50
Mohawk and Allouez.....	3	146.00
Gay.....	1	60.00
Eagle Harbor.....	1	54.00
Schoolcraft.....	1	54.00
	257	\$10,496.00

Truancy.

782 cases where pupils were absent from school were investigated by the truant officer, and 157 found to have reasonable excuses, 75 no reasonable excuses, 193 to be cases of truancy. This compares with 1,075 investigations in the term 1907-1908, 400 reasonable excuses, 590 without reasonable excuses and 126 cases of truancy.

The truant officer ordered 20 to return to school and caused the arrests of three on warrants. Forty pupils were excused from school attendance that they might work. The truant officer made 15 visits to stores and factories, 12 to pool rooms and livery stables and 181 miscellaneous visits.

Summer Term--Night School.

The enrollment in the manual training department of the summer school last year was below the average, namely 151, of whom 134 were grade students and 17 high school students. The enrollment in the woodshop was 108; smith shop, 22; machine shop, 15, and mechanical drawing, 6.

One hundred twenty students were enrolled for academic branches, of whom 87 were passed. Three instructors took the work.

Fifty-one girls completed the sewing school work last summer.

Ten classes were organized and met twice weekly for a period of twenty weeks. During the first five weeks, there were 181 students enrolled, with an average attendance of 136.2. In the second five weeks, the enrollment was 167 and the average attendance 111.4. The enrollment in the third five weeks

Laurium Department

FOURTH MUCH ENJOYED HERE

Laurium Observes Day Quietly
With no Civic Celebration

Although the ear-splitting fire-cracker and the sputtering fuses did not deprive Laurium boys and girls of their fingers and thumbs as in years gone by, the celebration of the Nation's birthday received all the attention from Young America that their enthusiasm could bestow on the good cause. The only thing lacking was the civic celebration and deprived of this attraction, the older people spent the day with picnics, automobile journeys around the two counties and other recreations of a midsummer holiday. The absence of a demonstration here enabled many local residents to attend the celebrations in other towns and Laurium contributed generously to the crowds in Houghton, Torch Lake and Red Jacket.

But Laurium business could not let the day pass unnoticed and a modest little celebration, under the sobriquet of the Junior Booster's club, was conducted for the kids. There were foot races, jumping, a fan man's race, tug-of-war and other events which tended to attract the grown-ups who spent the day at home. Altogether, it was a safe and sane holiday in which not a serious accident occurred.

The streets were thronged until midnight and the merry-making was participated in by a joyous crowd. There was no side-stepping of the bounds of decorum and everyone seemed to enter into the spirit of the day.

DELAY ON HOME RULE FOR IRELAND INCREASES MENACE

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In some districts the volunteers are split into factions under opposing leaders, who carry on a newspaper warfare.

The Ulster leaders say that the Nationalist volunteers must fall through the impossibility of getting arms. They claim to have many letters from America showing that the Irish there are tired of contributing to Home Rule, and now that they consider an Irish parliament assured, they propose to let those in Ireland settle internal questions without help. Even if American sympathizers should rell the war chest the present government measures to suppress gun running in all ports would checkmate them.

"We have two years start in the matter of arming and we mean to keep it," an official of the Ulster Unionist Council said to The Associated Press.

In many Ulster villages the Nationalist bands are being drilled by retired army sergeants near the halls and parade grounds of the Ulster battalions and the townspeople are able to watch the preparations of both forces. There were 2,500 Nationalist volunteers in Belfast about the middle of June and many more in Londonderry city, where Catholics and Protestants are much more evenly balanced in numbers.

The volunteers, saturated with the military spirit are becoming impatient. Some battalions have even sent deputations of officers to headquarters to ask when the campaign would begin, and the work of keeping the bold spirits quiet is increasingly difficult. The headquarters staff has worked out a plan of campaign for hostilities. It is not likely that they will attempt to use this citizen force against trained regulars with heavy guns, for as one officer remarked, the most they could expect would be to put up one good fight and be cut to pieces. The present plans are to keep the Ulster Nationalists in check when the provisional government is set up.

Most of the Belfast volunteers are being formed into four regiments, known as the Belfast Division which will act as a police force. A flying column composed of 3,500 picked and paid volunteers, a majority of whom are old soldiers, has been organized as a first line striking force with motor transport capable of conveying it to any part of Ulster in less than four hours. This force is armed throughout with new Mausers and possesses ten Maxim's of the latest pattern. Certain county regiments, especially those of Antrim and Armagh, would go on active service with this column, while other county regiments including Londonderry must remain at home to suppress the Nationalists.

If the provisional government were established the flying column would be sent to Londonderry where the Nationalists are strongest, while the East and West Belfast regiments would form double cordons around the two Nationalist districts of this city, with Maxims covering the principal street.

Information that the Nationalists are bringing in carboys of vitrol which women would pour on the troops from windows as they poured boiling water during the rioting some years ago has reached Carson's headquarters, "if there is a single act of that kind," said a staff officer, "the building where it is done will be entered, wrecked, and every officer killed."

was 131 and the average attendance 99.8, and in the last period of the term, the enrollment was 121 and the average attendance 91.5.

HALL WORK PROGRESSING.

Interior Alterations Forging Ahead According to Schedule.

With the passing of the holidays, civic improvements will be pushed vigorously and under ordinary circumstances, the town hall repairs and the paving will be completed according to schedule. The town hall work is progressing rapidly and the contractors, Chatel & Valro, expect to wind up the contract within the ninety-day period. Incidentally, this means ninety work days and provision has been made for delays necessitated through unfavorable weather. The work was held up for more than a week during the first month of the summer and this will extend the time limit until the latter part of September.

Another two weeks should witness the completion of the paving, unless the council decides to improve Lake Linden avenue beyond Tamarack street. The south side of Lake Linden avenue and the west side of Hecla street have been completed and with the present force, the contract should rapidly be fulfilled.

LAURIUM BREVITIES.

Miss Helen Warner of Fredericksburg, Va., is a guest at the Hall residence.

Fred J. Chatel, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chatel, left yesterday for Detroit where he will enter the employ of the Edison Electric company. Mr. Chatel is a mechanical engineer, he having received his degree at the University of Michigan last month.

M'GOORTY LOSES BOUT.

Jimmy Clabby Gets Decision On Foul in the Eighth.

Sydney, N. S. W., July 6.—Jimmy Clabby of Hammond, Ind., won on a foul from Eddie McGorty of Oshkosh, Wis., on the fourth. The foul occurred in the eighth round. The battle was hard fought from the beginning. Clabby's work was regarded by the crowd as a remarkable exhibition. Both men fought furiously and mixed it up continuously. McGorty could accomplish little, however, against his adversary's superior skill. He tried repeatedly to land left hooks but each time was blocked. He was desperate when he committed the foul.

HARVARD WINS THE CUP.

Defeats Union Boat Club In Final of Henley Regatta.

Henley-on-Thames, July 6.—Harvard second eight captured the Grand Challenge cup by beating the Union Boat club of Boston in the final heat Saturday.

Harvard crossed the finishing line a length and a quarter ahead in 7 minutes, 20 seconds. It was a magnificent race throughout.

Giuseppe Singigaglia, of the Lario Rowing club, Como, Italy, carried off the Diamond sculls by beating C. M. Stuart of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, in the final heat.

BRITISH ARSENAL STAFF CALLS PROTEST STRIKE.

Woolwich, Eng., July 6.—The entire working staff of 12,000 men at the government arsenal which supplies most of the guns and ammunition for the British navy struck today as a protest against the dismissal of an engineer who refused to erect machinery on a foundation constructed by non-union laborers.

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